

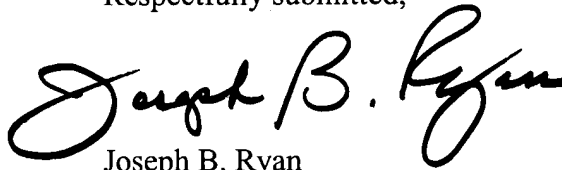
REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 21, 2001 with claims 1-18. Claims 1-18 remain pending. Claims 1 and 18 are the independent claims.

Claims 1 and 18 were amended in an Examiner's Amendment presented in the Notice of Allowability dated March 16, 2006.

Applicants have found a number of minor typographical errors in the Examiner's Amendment relating to claim 18. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 18 herein to address those errors. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph B. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Ryan" clearly legible, and "B." in the middle.

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